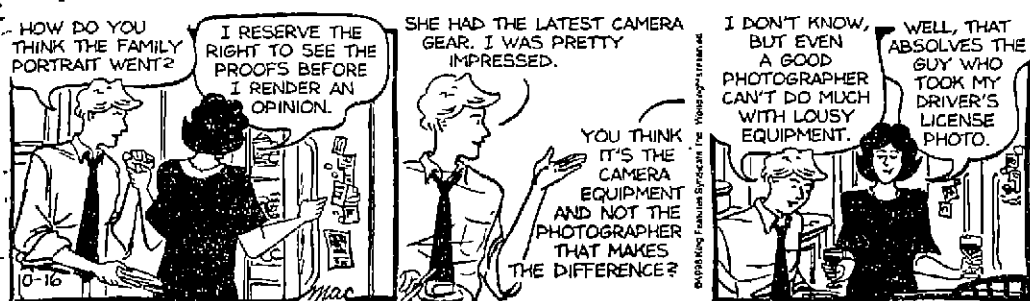


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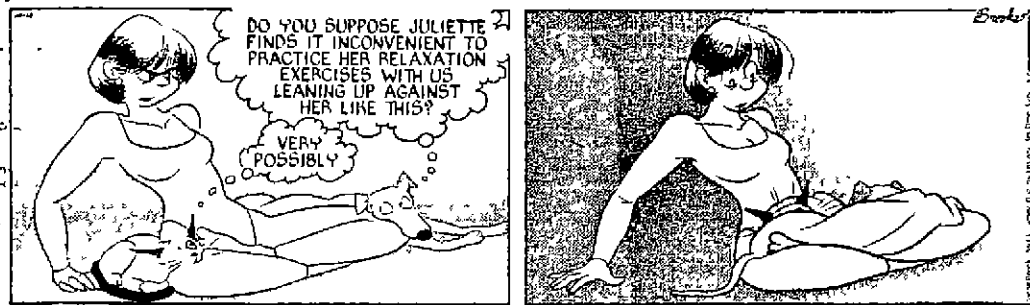
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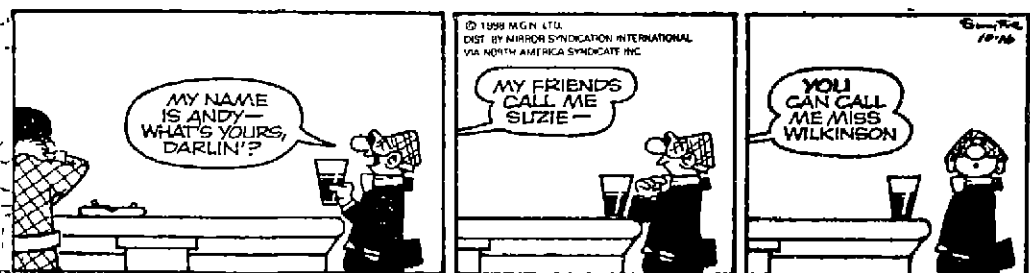
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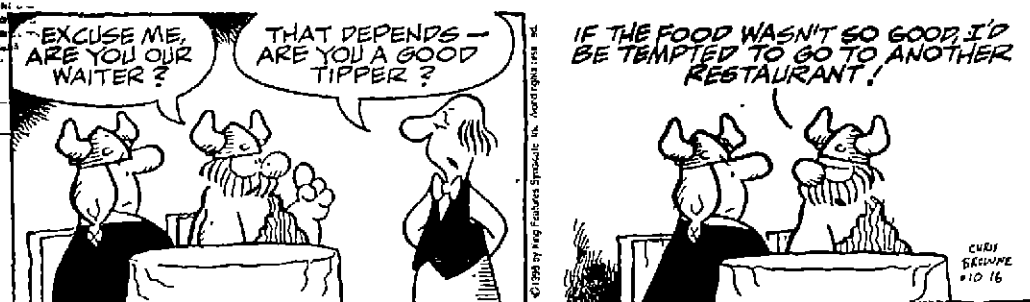
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



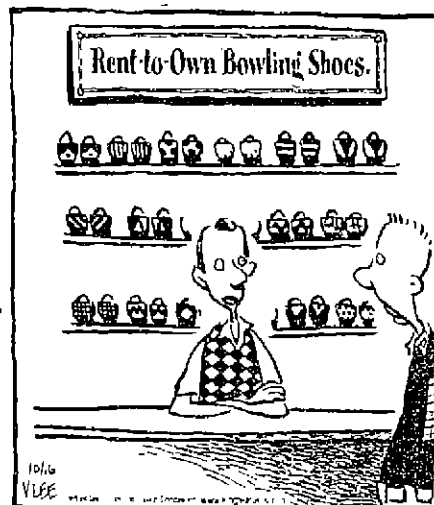
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Angela Lansbury is 73
Actor Barry Corbin is 58
Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 55
Actress Suzanne Somers is 52
Rock singer-musician Bob Weir (The Grateful Dead, Ratdog) is 51
Musician Gary Kemp (Spandau Ballet) is 38
Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 36
Singer Wendy Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 29

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

G	S	L	A	A	S	T
H	R	L	U	O	G	Y
S	S	S	T	T	E	E
H	D	C	E	E	H	O

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and GSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-14-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Found in the sky

R J F B Y U R O K H D N A X U
Q N K H S E B S Y V S O P M J
H E B Y V D R R T Q O I S L I
G D B Y (P A R A C H U T E S) W
T R P M T K I I F D E U N B Y
W U S S Q O M N B K L L A C K
I F U D T B O B C B Z L L X W
U D S Q O O N O W N L O P J H
F D C A M Y R W O W U P R V T
S Q P N L K I M N D H S I F E
C B Z Y T E E L S W V U A E S

Thursday's unlisted clue: SPAHN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: COLOR OF THE SKY

Airplanes	Moon	Rainbow	Stars
Birds	Parachutes	Rockets	Storms
Clouds	Pie	Sleet	Sun
Dust	Pollution	Snow	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Oct. 17, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone might ask you to make a compromise or adjust to a situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Indulge yourself in a way that's healthy rather than in a hedonistic fashion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your witty repartee and carefree manner are sure to attract someone deserving of your affections and might lead to a lasting relationship.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Life is about change, and inability to accept it will lead to imbalance within you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It is an excellent time to make new business contacts or negotiate new deals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Do not be taken in by glittery extorsors or smooth salespeople.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make new friends, meet a new partner, or get into a new enterprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are having some trouble getting your bearings and do not feel ready to make big decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Someone surprises you with unexpected recognition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be ready to explain your actions patiently and articulately, your future hangs in the balance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A sudden burst of energy leaves you breathless and a bit unfocused.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A multitude of choices present themselves, and you are not sure which ones to pick.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

When West leads the club queen, should South win dummy's ace? If he wins, what comes next?

Nothing good for his side. If he leads trumps, he passes control to the enemy, and the defenders take a trump, two clubs and the spade ace. If he leads a second club, hoping for a club ruff, East wins and cashes his trump ace.

Then the defenders get the same two clubs and the spade ace for one down. What happens if dummy plays low at trick one? It's the defenders who inherit the problems. If West continues clubs, dummy wins, and South leads a diamond to his king to ruff a club. This limits South's losses to a spade, a trump and a club. If West eliminates the club ruff by leading a trump, the defenders cannot win more than their two major-suit aces whether East takes his ace or ducks. If East takes his trump ace and refuses to concede the game, a lead to dummy's club ace will give South an overtrick. South will draw trumps, run dummy's diamonds, and West will lose his ace of spades.

NORTH 1616-A
 ♠ K Q 10 7
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A 10 9 6 3 2
 ♣ A 4

WEST EAST
 ♠ A J 5 4 3 ♠ 9 8 2
 ♥ 6 5 2 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ 8 4 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ Q J 10 ♣ K 9 7 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ 6
 ♥ K Q J 10 9 8
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 8 6 2

Vulnerable Both
 Dealer North

The bidding
 North 1♦ East 1♥ South 1♥ West 1♣
 1♠ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club queen

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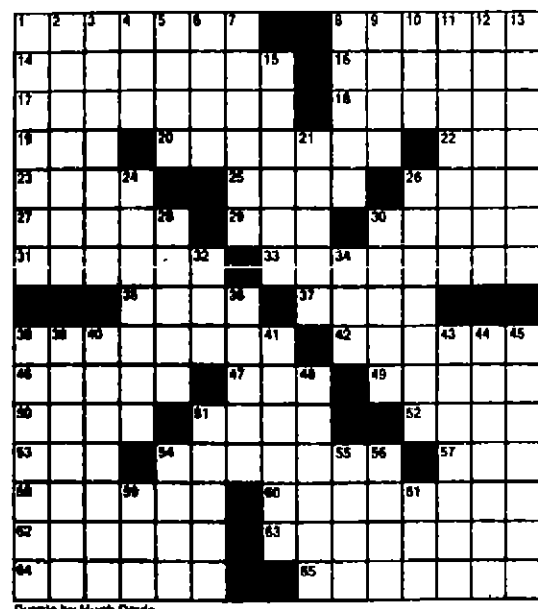
- 1 Tchotchke
- 8 The so-called "Tenth Muse"
- 14 War's mount, in the Apocalypse
- 16 Bright northern star
- 17 Cages
- 18 Congo tributary
- 19 "Give — break!"
- 20 Cultural prose and poetry
- 22 Words to massoues
- 23 Bugbear
- 25 Dobbin might pull one
- 26 "Me too" response
- 27 Caused
- 28 Some Caltech grads
- 30 Follow the reaper
- 31 Hero/poet of Gaelic legend
- 32 Quiet spots
- 35 Open-fronted jacket
- 37 Like some church matters
- 38 Accumulated
- 42 "You — I"
- 46 "Reversal of Fortune" star
- 47 Antiprohibition
- 48 Slave's response
- 50 Handle
- 51 Movie princess
- 52 Mass booklet
- 53 Bug
- 54 Slicker
- 57 "Awesome!"
- 58 — of Langerhans (pancreatic parts)
- 60 Bulldog's quality
- 62 Person with a cause
- 63 Registered
- 64 Laurel and Hardy, e.g.
- 65 Recent delivery

DOWN

- 1 Organ effect
- 2 Copsout
- 3 Bouncer's requests
- 4 Lady Byng Trophy org
- 5 Leader of the Gang, in 70's-80's music
- 6 Language spoken in Stormway
- 7 African scourge
- 8 Cousin of the needletish
- 9 Clergyman's closetful
- 10 Sp. smokeleón
- 11 It'll cure what ails you
- 12 Snub
- 13 Devout petitions
- 14 Feast of Lots book
- 15 Masking frame, in photography
- 16 Saml — (Lore's capital)
- 17 Dynamic beginning?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACT GASUP STRAD
 COO AWAKE OHARE
 ICU PAYER OFACES
 DAGGERS LAMINA
 CHE DATED ELAL
 LOGOS HUSH SYST
 ELUDER ETAS
 BAYERESSENTIALS
 BALD DANCER
 WARP LOAF BEATS
 OVER TWYLA RDA
 ROMANO TRATELY
 SWAYERWORDS MOE
 TAKES ANTES INA
 SLEDS HASNT AER



Puzzle by Hugh Davis

- 29 "Bellefleur" author
- 30 "Anitra's Dance" composer
- 32 Easter precursor
- 34 Restaurant pickup
- 36 Star poet
- 38 Mikolaj's concoction
- 39 World's fourth-largest inland body of water
- 40 "Star Trek" alien
- 41 Jefferson and Voltaire, for two
- 43 Contest for El Cordobés
- 44 Scrapped
- 46 Pain-relieving
- 48 Attend, as a movie
- 51 Leans
- 54 Plains Indian
- 55 1953 Pulitzer winner for Drama
- 56 Prefix with second
- 58 Bush or Taft
- 61 The 1900's, e.g. Abbr

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